

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES PUBLIC COMMENTS

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John Hoke, UAA Coordinator
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RE: Clean and Safe Streams

Dear Mr. Hoke:

I'm writing to encourage you support the Clean Water Act and oppose the removal of protections against bacteria on 90 streams across the state.

As the father of two young girls, I think it is important for sewer agencies and other similar facilities to continue to disinfect the wastewater that they discharge into streams.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter Catalano

"Think not of yourselves, o Chiefs. Think about the impact of your decisions on the next generation and seven generations beyond."
Iroquois Bylaw



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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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Subject Missouri's Safe Streams

Mr. Hoke,

I know that you are working for the greatest good for Missouri's streams. I hope that in that good you see the significant role, both in the near and long term future, our streams and rivers have in the daily lives of Missourians.

I have just recently been made aware of possible actions by the DNR to remove protections from a number of water resources. I must say that I am quite surprised by this fact. I am an avid fly fisherman who contributes money to state parks so they can protect and properly manage our water resources. Those state parks are hours away from where I live. I regularly visit the Ozark region for trout and small mouth fishing. I cannot imagine any of those streams currently being protected left unmonitored and unprotected.

A function of the State has been to protect its the natural resources. Do not remove protections that are working. If you remove them from one you will eventually be faced with the decision to remove more later.

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Roman D. Clarkson
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Sarah
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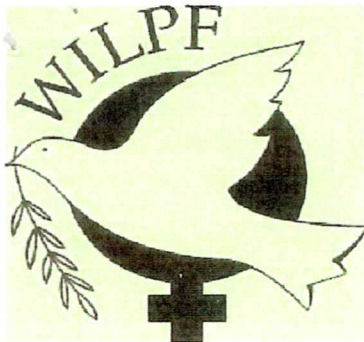
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To cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov
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Subject Use Attainability Analysis

I am opposed to any reduction in water quality as a result of a Use Attainability Analysis. It seems that the DNR has been continually shirking its responsibilities to serve the interest of the public at large and instead, serves only special interests.

If not you, who speaks for clean water and streams? Our heritage is being squandered.

Don Crozier
Ofallon, MO



*Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Mid-Missouri Branch #200*

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August 18, 2008,

The Mid-Missouri Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is a branch of the oldest and largest international women's peace organization in the world. We work in mid-Missouri communities on issues that affect all people locally and in the wider world. Water issues are of critical importance to our sustainable existence both in mid-Missouri and around the world. In the interest of protecting the streams and rivers of mid-Missouri for swimming and recreating, we are submitting these comments to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding stream recreational use:

The Mid-Missouri Branch of WILPF feels that "NO STREAMS OR PARTS OF STREAMS SHOULD BE EXEMPTED" from the maximum amount of protection afforded by the federal and Missouri Clean Water Acts. These Acts both state that ALL waters of the US and Missouri should support aquatic life and recreation. Exempting bits and pieces of our streams is treating our waterways as if they are not connected. Water flow does not stop at city and county lines; our streams and rivers are the continuous interconnected life blood of our existence. Everyone should have access to clean, safe water. Any less than the maximum amount of protection for the waterways of Missouri is not acceptable.

Therese Folsom

Therese Folsom for the Mid-Missouri Branch of WILPF
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Let the welfare of the people
Be the supreme law*

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James and Debbie Gross
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August 27, 2008

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the department's proposed changes to the Use Attainability Analyses.

My wife, Debbie, and I are both **opposed** to any relaxation of the stream standards. To relax the standards to the extent that point sources will not be required to disinfect; effectively allowing sources to discharge greater concentrations of fecal coliform than the stream standards currently allow, is counter to the department's mission to protect, preserve and enhance the state's (water) resources.

In addition, relaxation of those standards now will ultimately result in the relaxation of discharge limits for point and possibly non-point sources, as well, with collectively catastrophic results for the health and well-being of the citizens of the state of Missouri.

Please do not allow the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to cave in to special interests and abandon its mission. It is imperative that the agency retain its Vision as effective stewards of the state's natural resources, preserve the agency's integrity and abide by the Missouri State Motto, "Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law."

In conclusion, count two more individuals in opposition to relaxing the stream standards by making the changes proposed.

Sincerely,

 
James and Debbie Gross



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07/21/2008 09:06 AM

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Subject Stream exemptions

I would like to voice my opinion on the exemption to allow the release of untreated water into our Missouri streams. The streams whether in use or not all flow to our ground and other bodies of water. This should not be allowed in any circumstance. I can't believe it's even being considered. Wildlife also uses the streams - we need to be saving our environment as much as possible not making it polluted. I do hope sense will prevail and the decision will be made not to have any exemptions. Thank you.

Fw: proposal for water - John Hoke/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR



Doyle Childers /OD/MODNR

07/16/2008 04:23 PM


To John Hoke/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR

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Subject Fw: proposal for water

History:

 This message has been replied to.

This is Martha Buschjost. Please respond. Thanks.

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Subject proposal for water

PLEASE DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSAL TO FURTHER DENIGRATE THE WATERS WE ALL
DEPEND ON. VOTE NO OR NEGATIVE FOR THIS PROPOSAL. YOUR CONSTITUENT(MS) BAMBI HEMPEL.
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**Priscilla
Stotts/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR**

08/27/2008 10:03 AM

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Subject Fw: DNR UAA listings

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Subject DNR UAA listings

I have sent this small note to many on my list and of course kept who is getting it in the BCC column to keep your email address from being shared on the greater internet.

Many do not agree or cannot accept that the DNR wants to put unsantized water from WWTP into small streams in Missouri. I for one do not see why as a rural landowner I have several hoops to jump through to put in a septic tank, while some smaller towns are exempt from not disinfecting their wastewater. Be that as it may, it will be up to the Clean Water Commission to determine the merits of saving cities a few pennies per day per person. In response to any decision that the CWC makes we know in our hearts that to not disinfect wastewater is a dangerous practice that could have dire consequences down the line and further enforces the notion that the DNR thinks our water is not all that important for the environment. Be that as it may I suggest we ask or demand a small concession from the DNR and the CWC if they choose to go ahead with this new process.

If they choose to allow this discharge then every landowner on the receiving stream be notified of this decision and in return receive a response of yea or nay from those landowners. In addition I feel that it is only right that the DNR be responsible for posting on this creek that it does in fact receive contaminated water and it could be hazardous to your health to be in contact with this water. These postings should occur at every road crossing, in both directions, the creek passes under with a strongly worded statement that under no circumstances should humans and domestic animals be in these waters. These signs should be very visible and maintained by the DNR and followed up with monthly testing to be used to verify that the water does or does not contain levels of bacteria or other foreign substances harmful to residents health.

If we are to contaminate our surface and potentially our ground water with bacteria and other "stuff" with the blessings of the DNR then they should be responsible for alerting local residents and even tourists that the water could be hazardous.

I welcome any comments on this idea and would plead with all of you to contact the CWC and DNR if you agree with this idea or are strongly opposed to the plan of allowing these contaminated discharges.

Thank you for your time

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Sarah
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Subject Fw: UAAs -Unsanitized wastewater discharge into MO streams/warnings

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Subject UAAs -Unsanitized wastewater discharge into MO streams/warnings

Re: Use Attainability Analysis (UAAs) by County - MoDNR

It's hard to believe that DNR wants to put unsantized water from WWTP into small streams in Missouri.

Why do rural landowners have to jump through hoops to put in an expensive septic system when some small towns don't

even have to disinfect their wastewater ?

If they allow this, then each landowner on the receiving stream should be notified and allowed to object or consent. DNR

should

post that the creek receives contaminated water and warn that humans and domestic animals should absolutely not be in

the water.

If we are to contaminate our surface and potentially our ground water with the blessings of the DNR and CWC then they

should be responsible for alerting local residents and even tourists that the

water could be hazardous.

My suggestion: DO YOUR JOB AND NO WARNINGS WILL BE NECESSARY.

Wes Nall

Neosho, MO



Doyle Childers /OD/MODNR

07/24/2008 07:53 AM

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Subject Fw: Polluting

Thanks, Martha

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Subject Polluting

My family is apposed to polluting any streams in Missouri. It is bad enough that hundreds of people use the State waterways as bathrooms each day. We live on a float stream and see folks, their pets and livestock all use our stream as a toilet. It's sad to see the abuse our streams are getting all over the State. We need to protect our waterways.

Bacteria is going to end up some where, and hopefully it is not in our water supply.

Sincerely,

George R. Powell
Steeleville, MO



Sarah
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Subject comment period on use analysis

Sir,

I've read with great dismay the proposal to relax restrictions on industry regarding the safety of Missouri's waterways. Thousands of volunteer hours are donated every year by Missouri Stream Team members who work assiduously to monitor and protect most of the state's waterways. While I understand that the removal of restrictions would not allow for sewage to be dumped in the Jack's Fork, for example, it must be made very clear that Missouri is based in karst topography, a landscape wherein all of our streams, creeks and rivers connect either directly or indirectly. Missourians have every right to be proud of our rivers and streams and of the arduous efforts put forth to keep them all clean and safe for whatever use, either by aquatic invertebrates or fishermen. Please maintain the strict levels of restrictions that would make industry accountable for their actions. We all, of course, live downstream.

Allison Vaughn

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August 28, 2008

Subject: UAA proposal before the Clean Water Commission

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this letter to the Missouri Clean Water Commission and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MODNR) for your consideration and comments. You, as well as the MODNR, are entrusted to protect the citizens of Missouri and our natural resources. This would include our health, well-being, aquatic and terrestrial life and the natural beauty that has been passed on to us by our forefathers.

I feel that this item before the Commission does not fulfill the promise to adequately protect the aforementioned citizens' constitutional rights. This means that I am strongly opposed to the proposal by the MODNR to exempt 90 streams included in the latest UAA listing, or any streams in our state from protection of unsanitized Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges.

If the Clean Water Commission and the MODNR continues on this path of allowing the pollution of our waters I insist that the following conditions be met:

1. All landowners adjacent to these creeks should be notified in writing with a full explanation of what the state is doing and that these landowners are **required** to reply in either a positive or negative manner about the proposal.
2. All roads that cross these receiving streams should be posted by the MODNR with approved MODOT road signs from both directions of vehicle travel. These signs should carry the warning "**These waters are contaminated and human or animal contact is not suggested**". It will be the responsibility of the MODNR to certify when that the stream is safe for human contact at a point determined by weekly testing. This will further protect our citizens and tourism from possible health consequences.
3. The county health departments of the receiving streams be fully apprised of these developments and will be **required** to sign off as being comfortable with this proposal. They are the ones that will be responsible for any possible health related consequences from these discharges.

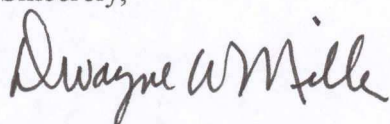
4. I further feel that any decision to proceed with this plan should be with full oversight and acceptance by the Missouri Public Health Department, U.S. Public Health Department and the USGS. The USGS oversight should be used to certify that there is **no** possible way these discharges could or will damage the groundwater system.

Personally I do not fully understand the reasoning behind this proposal. Missouri has always prided itself on its water quality for domestic and recreational use. Shouldn't the MODNR and CWC start showing a more proactive concern for its citizens. We know that Oklahoma has set a limit of 0.039 PPM total phosphorus for its surface waters. In the Elk River Watershed we are hoping to achieve a 0.06 PPM phosphorus level. This nutrient has been under debate for generations and still has not been fully addressed. In addition to that nutrient we have the problem of pharmaceuticals in our water supplies. In Bentonville, Arkansas they are addressing this with a new program to collect and destroy them before they get into the water system. Is it not time for Missouri to properly address water issues on a multi-faceted level and to stop trailing other states? We should be a leader in this field and set the example for the rest of the country and the world.

I would like to address one final note on this UAA proposal. This issue is being fostered to save money for small towns. I would like to see a full accounting for monies spent by the MODNR on this project; include salary expenses for the 7 Regional meetings, the outside consulting fees to identify the 90 streams and the employee time spent on addressing these letters and complaints on this proposal. I would imagine that we might be looking at \$500,000. I wonder to myself how many of these WWTP could have been fitted with the proper equipment with this money? Is it just me or do we seem to be missing the important facts in this matter; public safety, stream enhancement and protection of our aquatic flora and fauna?

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Representative Kevin Wilson



Doyle Childers /OD/MODNR

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Subject Fw: Missouri creeks

Please reply. Thanks. martha

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Subject Missouri creeks

Dear Mr. Childers: I am writing in response to a letter in our local news stating that the DNR will soon "allow bacteria effluent to be released into approximately 100 Missouri creeks and streams." I sincerely hope that this is a mistaken bit of information. We read your informative magazine as well as the Missouri Conservationist, and we applaud all state (and national) efforts to IMPROVE and CLEAN UP our air, soil, vegetation and waters. This bit of news sounds so counter-productive to all the good progress made in the past.

Why? WHY would this be allowed. The streams of Missouri are a natural gift for residents and visitors to enjoy responsibly; a beautiful resource many states do not enjoy. I think of your organization as a defender of our resources, not a contributor to ruin. For whatever reason this could happen (bowing under pressure of Big Business?) please reconsider, and continue only the GOOD WORKS that we think of taking place when the DNR is involved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message, and for your consideration of the situation. ARU

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